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Health Committee, 1958-59 :

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Additional Public Health Inspector :

CYRIL BUCKLEY, M.A.P.H.I.
Cert. of Meat and Other Foods, R.S.H.
(Resigned 15th June, 1958).

RODNEY B. LAMB, M.A.P.H.I.
Cert. of Meat and Other Foods, R.S.H.,
Cert of Smoke Inspector, R.S.H.
(Appointed 24th November, 1958).

Clerk in Public Health Department :

Mrs. A. Whitehead.

Town Hall,
Failsworth.

July, 1959.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee
of the Urban District Council of Failsworth.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration, my Annual Report on the health of the district for the year 1958. The statistical details of the year's Public Health activities and happenings are set out and tabulated in the body of the report, so that I shall here confine myself to commenting on points of special interest and importance.

The Mid-year population as estimated by the Registrar General was 19,260 which represents an increase of 1,227 on the 1951 census return.

Deaths from all sources amounted to 213, the principal causes being diseases of the heart and circulatory system, cancer, bronchitis and pneumonia. In 1958, over 95,000 people died from cancer in England and Wales, and of these, 19,809 were from cancer of the lungs. Deaths from lung cancer have doubled over the past 10 years and now account for 1 in 18 of all male deaths.

Live births totalled 305; there were no maternal deaths but unfortunately 5 infant deaths occurred during the year. In the past mention has been made of the relatively small reduction in infant deaths within the first four weeks of life as compared with that effected in respect of the later period of infancy. A very intensive and thorough national survey was carried out during the year into all stillbirths and early infancy deaths occurring within a defined period. The information obtained will, it is hoped, lead to a better knowledge of the cause of such deaths and the employment of suitable preventive measures.

The overall incidence of notifiable infectious diseases (335) was appreciably less than that of the preceding year (445) due very largely to the decrease in measles cases notified. For the rest, cases of dysentery and scarlet fever showed an increase without, however, amounting to anything like epidemic proportions. Only one case of whooping cough was notified and the declining incidence of this most serious disease of infancy and childhood over the past few years in this and adjoining areas gives definite hope that the immunisation programme introduced 5 years ago is already showing effect which will, in time, control this disease as effectively as has been the case with diphtheria.

The offer of vaccination against Poliomyelitis was extended during the year to cover all persons between the ages of 6 months and 26 years. The limiting factor to the number of vaccinations performed was the uncertain and limited supply of vaccine available. Any person desirous of vaccination should make application to his/her family doctor or register at the local School Clinic. As supplies of vaccine increase, it is hoped to arrange evening or lunchtime sessions to accommodate young working adults.

As regards housing, proposals submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in 1955 envisaged the clearance/demolition of 168 unfit houses in the 5 year period 1956/1960 inclusive. During 1958 a total of 43 houses were included in confirmed clearance areas and 6 other unfit houses were demolished or closed by individual procedure. In all 109 dwellings have been dealt with either by clearance or by individual closure or demolition procedure in the 3 years 1956-1958 inclusive.

It is gratifying to record the action taken by the Council towards promoting the 1st Smoke Control Area in the district and also the evident determination to continue the job of clearing the air as expeditiously as possible.

Finally I thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their unfailing encouragement and support. I acknowledge the help received from the Clerk and other officers of the Council, and I am especially indebted to the Senior Public Health Inspector and the staff of the department for their co-operation and ever willing help.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. O'GRADY,

Medical Officer of Health.

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE DISTRICT.

Failsworth is a compact Urban District of 1,663 acres, of which approximately nine acres are covered with water.

There is a gradual rise from 286 feet above sea level at the Manchester extremity to 354 feet above sea level at the Oldham extremity.

The district is divided into five wards, namely, North, South, East, West and Lower.

The sub-soil is chiefly clay, with sand and gravel in places overlying the coal measures.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres)	1,663
Population (Census 1951)	18,033
Population (Registrar—General's Estimate for mid-year 1958)	19,260
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1958) according to Rate Books	6,543
Rateable Value (end of 1958)	£181,021
Sum represented by a 1d. Rate (end of 1958) estimated	£725

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births (Total)			305
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	
Legitimate	143	153	
Illegitimate	5	4	
Live Birth Rate per 1000 population :—			
Crude Rate			15.8
Adjusted Rate			15.5
	(Comparability Factor 0.98).		
Still Births			2
Still Birth Rate per 1000 Live and Still Births			6.5
Total Live and Still Births			307
Infant Deaths (Total)			5
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	
Legitimate	2	3	
Illegitimate	—	—	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births (Total)			16.4
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births (Legitimate)			16.8
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births (Illegitimate) ...			Nil
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births (first 4 weeks)			9.8
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births			2.9
Maternal deaths (including abortion)			Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live and Still Births			Nil
Deaths (Total)			213
Death Rate per 1000 population :—			
Crude Rate			11.1
Adjusted Rate			13.6
	(Comparability Factor 1.23).		

Comparative Table of Vital Statistics

	Live Birth Rate (Crude)	Death Rate (Crude)	Death Rate from Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	Death Rate from Cancer	Maternal Mortality Rate	Infantile Mortality Rate
1958	15.8	11.1	0.10	2.49	Nil	16.4
1957	16.8	10.8	0.11	2.16	Nil	6.0
1956-57 ...	14.7	10.9	0.13	2.14	Nil	22.2
Increase or decrease on previous year :—						
1957	-1.0	+ .3	- .01	+ .33	Nil	+ 10.4
Increase or decrease on 5 years average :—						
1953-57 ...	+ 1.1	+ .2	- .03	+ .35	Nil	- 5.8
Principal Causes of Death :—						
Deaths from Heart Diseases (all ages)						29
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)						48
Deaths from Bronchitis (all ages)						14

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

The following services are administered by the Lancashire County Council through the No. 14 Health Divisional Office at 'Tylon', Middleton Road, Chadderton.

Maternity and Child Welfare.	Ambulance.
Midwifery.	Care of School Children.
Mental Health.	Care of the Aged.
Home Help.	General Welfare Services.

MATERNITY SERVICE

Two domiciliary midwives Miss E. Brownlow, 324, Ashton Road East, Failsworth (FAI 1739) and Mrs. S. Whitehead, 2, Kershaw Road, Failsworth (FAI 1513) serve the district. The ante-natal clinic is held at Firs Hall, Oldham Road, on Tuesday afternoon between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

HEALTH VISITORS AND SCHOOL NURSES.

Two full-time Health Visitors/School Nurses are employed in the area.

CLINICS.

Regular sessions of the following clinics are held at Firs Hall, Oldham Road, Failsworth (FAI 1013) as follows :—

Ante and Post Natal : Every Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Maternity and Child Welfare : Every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m.

IMMUNISATION.

Protective inoculation is available against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis. The offer of vaccination against Poliomyelitis was extended during the year to cover persons between the ages of 6 months and 26 years. The response from the parents of the district was satisfactory.

Arrangements for immunisation are by appointment at Firs Hall Clinic, or by arrangement with the Family Doctor.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

The Divisional Medical Officer and the Assistant Divisional Medical Officer are also School Medical Officers. Clinics are held at Firs Hall, as follows :—

Minor Ailments : Every Monday afternoon 2 p.m. and Thursday morning 10 a.m.

Ophthalmic and Orthodontic Clinics attended by appointment only.

The School Dental Clinic was re-opened in 1952 and a School Dental Officer is in attendance each morning. Treatment is by appointment only.

CARE OF CHILDREN UNDER THE CHILDREN ACT, 1948.

The work in connection with Infant Life Protection and Adoption of Children is carried out by the Lancashire County Council.

The area Childrens' Officer for this District is Miss D. M. Thompson, at Enville House, Scotland Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. (ASH 2933).

DAY NURSERIES.

There are two day nurseries, one of 37 place accommodation at Oldham Road, and one of 50 place accommodation at Totton Road, which are the responsibility of the County Council. There is also a day nursery attached to a cotton mill in the district.

AMBULANCE

The ambulance service is provided by the Lancashire County Council, and is now under Radio Control from a Control Centre at Radcliffe (RAD 3021).

HOME HELP SERVICE

Home helps are available for emergency cases, priority being given to maternity cases, general sickness cases, and the elderly and infirm. The services of a home help can be obtained on application to the Divisional Medical Officer.

HOME NURSING SERVICE.

This is provided by the Lancashire County Council through the Divisional Medical Officer and the district nurses serving the area are : Miss E. M. Kirk, 326, Ashton Road East, Failsworth (FAI 4311) and Mrs. E. Hembrough, 214, Nuthurst Road, New Moston, Manchester, (FAI 4788).

CONVALESCENCE.

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council through the Divisional Medical Officer.

UNMARRIED MOTHERS AND ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN.

Provision for their care is made by Lancashire County Council in conjunction with Voluntary Moral Welfare Organisations.

WELFARE SERVICE.

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council resident accommodation is provided at 4 hostels for aged people, situated within the Division.

The statutory services comprising, health visitors, home nurses, home helps and laundry service, co-operate with the voluntary bodies providing chiropody, home visiting, meals-on-wheels, etc., in order to enable old people to continue to live happily in their own homes.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The Chest Clinic is situated in the Oldham and District General Hospital where all suspected cases of Tuberculosis are referred. X-Ray facilities are available at the Clinic.

HOSPITAL SERVICE

Hospitals available to residents of Failsworth are:—

General and Maternity Cases: Oldham and District General Hospitals and Manchester Hospitals.

Infectious Diseases: Westhulme and Monsall Hospitals.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Diseases	No. of Notified Cases.			
	1948	1956	1957	1958
Diphtheria	3	—	—	—
Dysentery	4	74	4	62
Erysipelas	3	1	4	2
Food Poisoning	—	5	3	—
Measles	240	1	344	212
Meningococcal Infection	2	1	—	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	—	—	—
Pneumonia	19	21	20	14
Poliomyelitis	2	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	29	25	10	28
Smallpox	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis	20	12	16	15
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	54	57	44	1
	<hr/> 378	<hr/> 197	<hr/> 445	<hr/> 335

DIPHTHERIA.

Although we have again been fortunate enough to have had no notifications or deaths from Diphtheria the public cannot afford to become complacent. Immunisation of all children still remains the sheet anchor of prevention. Whenever a case of Diphtheria does occur especially in the unimmunised child, it can still be a killing disease.

SCARLET FEVER.

There was an increase in the incidence of scarlet fever, 28 notifications having been received as against 10 in the previous year. It was of a mild type which enabled all cases to be nursed at home.

ACUTE PNEUMONIA, (PRIMARY AND INFLUENZAL).

Fourteen cases were notified against 20 in the previous year. There were 10 deaths from Pneumonia but no case of notifiable pneumonia died. Broncho-Pneumonia is not notifiable and it is in this group that most deaths occurred.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA.

No cases occurred during the year.

ERYSIPELAS.

As in previous years the number of cases notified was small : only two cases occurred and made good recovery.

MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION.

One case occurred during the year.

MEASLES.

The biennial epidemic occurred as anticipated and 212 cases were notified.

WHOOPING COUGH.

There was a noticeable decrease in the incidence of whooping cough. Only 1 case was notified compared with 44 in 1957.

DYSENTERY

There were 62 notifications of dysentery which were of the Sonne type. This type of dysentery is very prevalent in the community but because of its mild nature many of those affected do not call in medical advice and thus remain unknown to the Health Department.

FOOD POISONING.

No cases were notified during the year.

PATHOLOGICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

The number of specimens examined by the Public Health Laboratory, Monsall, Manchester, and the results of such examination were as undernoted:—

	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Positive</i>
Dysentery	420	380
Salm. Typhi Murium	6	3

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948—Section 47.

No applications were made under the above Act during the year.

Cases of Infectious Diseases notified (other than Tuberculosis) during the Year 1958.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.										
	Total Cases of all ages.	AGE PERIODS—YEARS.									
		0	1	2	3	4	5—9	10—14	15—24	25 and over.	Age unknown
Scarlet Fever	28	—	—	2	—	3	18	5	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis—											
Paralytic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-paralytic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles (excluding rubella) ...	212	9	17	28	23	29	100	3	1	2	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	62	4	5	8	8	9	15	2	2	9	—
Meningococcal Infection	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Pneumonia—											
(primary and influenzal) ...	14	1	1	—	—	1	2	1	1	7	—
Erysipelas	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	320	14	24	38	31	43	135	11	4	20	—

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1958.

Age-Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Years								
Under 1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
1-2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3-4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-9	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10-14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-24	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25-44	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
45-64	5	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Age Unknown ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	10	2	—	3	2	—	—	—
	12		3		2		—	

No action has been necessary relating to tuberculosis employees in the milk trade, nor for the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from the disease.

The duties of tuberculosis visitation are carried out by the staff of the County Council.

Disinfection of the rooms and bedding is carried out in all cases of pulmonary tuberculosis when the patient dies, removes from the district, or enters sanatorium.

The number of new cases showed a decrease of 1 on last year's figures.

At the end of the year there were 132 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 22 cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis on the register.

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S TABLE.

Causes of Death, 1958.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Males	Females
All Causes	117	96
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	...
Tuberculosis, other.....	...	...
Syphilitic Disease .....	...	...
Diphtheria .....	...	...
Whooping Cough .....	...	...
Meningococcal Infections .....	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis .....	...	...
Measles .....	...	...
Other infective and parasitic diseases .....	...	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	4
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	10	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast .....	...	6
Malignant neoplasm, uterus .....	...	...
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm ...	15	6
Leukæmia, aleukæmia .....	...	...
Diabetes .....	...	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	21	22
Coronary disease, angina	22	13
Hypertension with heart disease	2	...
Other Heart Disease	7	13
Other Circulatory Disease.....	3	4
Influenza .....	...	...
Pneumonia	6	4
Bronchitis	10	4
Other disease of respiratory system	2	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea .....	...	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis .....	...	1
Hyperplasia of prostate .....	...	...
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion .....	...	...
Congenital malformations	1	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents .....	...	...
All other accidents	4	2
Suicide	1	2
Homicide and operations of war.....	...	...

INFANT MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1958.

*Nett Deaths from stated Causes at various Ages under
One Year of Age. Compiled from Local Returns*

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Total Deaths under 1 Year	Under 24 Hours	1-6 Days	1-2 Weeks	2-3 Weeks	3-4 Weeks	Total under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and under 3 Months	3 Months and under 6 Months	6 Months and under 9 Months	9 Months and under 12 Months	Total over 4 weeks and under 12 months.
All Causes of Death ...	5	2	1	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	2
Asphixia Neonatorum	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Respiratory Failure	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebral Anoxia	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Congestive Heart Failure	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Congenital Heart Disease	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Totals ...	5	2	1	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	2

TOTAL DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS DURING 1958.

	Under 1 year	1—2	3—4	5—9	10—14	15—24	25—44	45—64	65 and over	Total
Deaths from all causes.....	5	1	—	1	—	—	11	59	136	213

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT.

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Failsworth.
July, 1959.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration my Annual Report upon the Sanitary circumstances of the District and the work done by the Public Health Inspectors during 1958.

Two clearance areas containing 46 houses were confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government after a hearing in connection with an objection by the owner of a combined dwelling house and off-licence premises.

Caravan dwellers caused much annoyance to the inhabitants in the Propps Hall Drive area and serious efforts were being made at the end of the year for the vacation of the unlicensed sites where they were congregated.

Great strides have been made in connection with the conversion of Waste Water Closets and our programme for their total abolition is nearing completion, but the unavoidable delay in the provision of the new sewer in Woodhouses has caused much disappointment in the area as the conversion of the pail closets and an improvement in the serious pollution of the brooks will be delayed until this most important scheme is completed.

On the whole it has been rather a difficult year as Mr. C. Buckley the Additional Public Health Inspector resigned in June and despite repeated advertisements the post was not filled until November, when Mr. R. B. Lamb accepted the appointment.

In submitting this report, I wish to record my thanks to the Members and Officials of the Council and in particular to the Staff of the Health Department for the invaluable co-operation and assistance which I have received during the year.

WILFRED L. MONKS,

*Senior Public Health Inspector and
Cleansing Superintendent.*

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

WATER SUPPLY.

All dwellinghouses in the District are supplied direct from water mains. The District is supplied by Oldham Corporation; Ashton-under-Lyne, Dukinfield, Stalybridge and District Water Board; and Manchester Corporation.

Forty-one samples of treated water going into supply were submitted for bacteriological examination. All were reported as satisfactory.

Complaints are still being received regarding low water pressure in houses due to silt from the mains blocking the service pipes.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The river Medlock adjoins the Sewage Works, and receives the sewage effluent. It flows along the south-east border of the district. On the opposite boundary of the district is the Moston Brook, which flows into the river Irk.

A smaller brook, named Lord's Brook, flows into the Medlock, and another small stream occurs near the Cemetery.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

All drains are examined before being covered in, and smoke or water tests applied where applicable.

The sewers in the district are partly brick and partly pipe. Most of the storm water finds its way into the sewers. They are periodically flushed and are ventilated by open manholes and gratings. House drains are well trapped and soil pipes are properly ventilated. The sewage is treated at the Council's Sewage Works.

TREATMENT OF SEWAGE AT DISPOSAL WORKS.—The dry-weather flow of sewage exceeds 1,250,000 gallons per day. The sewage enters the works through a cast-iron pipe, 3 feet in diameter. The crude sewage is treated with lime and ferrous sulphate and passes through detritus tanks, on through precipitation and settling tanks, and through 12 sprinkler filters, the effluent being subjected to humus tanks and strainer filters before being discharged into the river Medlock.

Woodhouses is unsewered. Most of the sink waste water finds its way into ditches and small water courses. Lord Brook is seriously polluted by drainage from a large piggery. Negotiations are in hand for the provision of a sewer which will minimise this nuisance.

This has been delayed due to investigations regarding alterations and modernisation of the Sewage Works.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

The following table shows the approximate number of the various sanitary conveniences in the district at the close of the year.—

CLOSETS.	Houses and Shops	Public B'd'gs & Rec. G'd's	Factories	TOTALS
Privy-midden closets	—	—	—	—
Pail-closets	242	14	3	259
Fresh water-closets	7082	201	642	7925
Waste water-closets	19	—	—	19
Trough closets.....	—	25	—	25
	7343	240	645	8228

Forty-three waste water closets were converted to fresh water closets during the year.

The Council's policy of making the maximum grant allowed by the Public Health Act, 1936, is now well known and the scheme for the total abolition of waste water closets is well in hand.

Waste water closets, pail closets and trough closets are most unsatisfactory and should be abolished at the earliest possible opportunity.

Most of the pail closets however are in Woodhouses and large scale conversions are not possible until the sewer is provided.

The following table shows the approximate number of the various refuse receptacles :—

REFUSE RECEPTACIES.	Houses and Shops	Public B'd'gs & Rec. G'd's	Factories	TOTALS
Privy-middens (covered) .	—	—	—	—
Dry ashpits (covered) ...	—	—	—	—
Metal Ashbins	6992	64	52	7108
	6992	64	52	7108

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Four $7/8\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yard 14 horse power Karrier Bantam refuse collectors are employed full time on the collection of refuse and one additional Karrier Bantam is used as a spare vehicle for emergencies.

A special once weekly collection of paper salvage is made from certain shops and business premises, but generally trade refuse and salvage are collected during the normal course of the house refuse collection service.

The personnel of the Department is 24, comprising a foreman, four drivers, sixteen ashbin men, two tip attendants and one paper baler/rodent operator.

Refuse is collected from approximately 6,814 premises and a regular weekly collection has been maintained for a large part of the year, although difficulties have been encountered due to the abnormal sickness rate of the workmen, some of whom were away for very long periods.

The Council have operated a scheme for the maintenance of dustbins as a charge upon the general rate fund since 1st April, 1949; 716 dustbins were provided under the scheme during the past year.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on low lying land near Broadway, and adjoining the Manchester Boundary. This land is adjacent to the Council's Lower Park and tipping is at present taking place to extend the area used as football pitches.

The tip has only a very limited life and additional tipping sites must be found within the next few years.

We are to a large extent dependant on ashes solicited from various sources for covering material for the tip but no shortage has been noticed this year. We are in addition purchasing sufficient fine ash produced at a Power Station to completely seal the working face during the weekend.

Two hundred and fifty-nine pail closets are emptied weekly by one of the refuse collection vehicles to which is attached a trailer tank for the purpose.

The tank is emptied, without causing any nuisance, into a special chute in Lord Lane which is connected to the Main Sewer.

A Karrier Yorkshire Diesel engined 800 gallons capacity combined gully and cesspit emptier is used for the regular and efficient cleansing of street gullies. Cesspools are emptied on request.

Street cleansing is carried out by seven street orderlies working on the beat system.

Material salvaged in connection with the Refuse Collection Service.

Material.	Tons.	Cwts.	Qtr.	£	s.	d.
Mixed waste paper	96	6	3	722	10	7
String	1	14	3	13	2	1
Tins	71	4	1	333	2	7
Total Income ...				£1068	15	3

SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

The following tabular statement has been prepared in accordance with Article 27 of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935, and contains information as to:—

- (a) The number and nature of inspections made during the year;
- (b) The number of notices served during the year, distinguishing statutory from informal notices;
- (c) The result of the service of such notices.

(Please refer to next page)

Tabular Statement of Sanitary Inspections for the Year ended 31st December, 1958.

INSPECTIONS.			Result of Service of Notices			
Nature of	Number of	No. of Notices Served.		Complied with		
		Informal	Statutory.	By Owner or Occupier.	By Council in Default.	Outstanding
Water Supply	16	8	—	8	—	—
Drainage	105	52	—	52	—	—
Stables and Piggeries	55	2	—	2	—	—
Offensive Trades	10	1	—	1	—	—
Tents, Vans and Sheds.....	100	—	—	—	—	—
Factories	92	4	—	4	—	—
Outworkers	30	—	—	—	—	—
Refuse Collection	240	—	—	—	—	—
Refuse Disposal	95	—	—	—	—	—
Smoke Observations	20	3	—	3	—	—
Rats and Mice	1247	—	—	—	—	—
Schools	12	—	—	—	—	—
Shops	608	—	—	—	—	—
Interviews	450	—	—	—	—	—
Dwelling Houses	277	227	6	162	—	65
Revisits to Property	456	—	—	—	—	—
Verminous Premises	128	—	—	—	—	—
Infectious Disease	106	—	—	—	—	—
Disinfection after Infectious Disease	11	—	—	—	—	—
Visits to Premises where Food is prepared, sold or stored (including Vehicles)	255	4	—	4	—	—
Visits to Ice Cream Premises	65	—	—	—	—	—
Dairies and Milkshops	83	—	—	—	—	—
Slaughterhouses	113	—	—	—	—	—
Totals.....	4574	301	6	236	—	65

DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING 1958.

DWELLING HOUSES—	No.
Infested with Cockroaches	128
Kitchen ranges, fireplaces and flues	7
Defective Plaster	36
Defective ceiling plaster	12
Floors and stairs	13
Doors, windows and cords	26
Damp walls	24
Sinks	3
Waste pipes and channels	—
Roofs	26
Pointing and brickwork of walls	11
Yard paving and paths	2
Rainwater pipes and eaves gutters	51
Drains cleansed or repaired	52
Defective W.C. apparatus and buildings	26
Defective chimney stacks	11
Defective water supply and cisterns	8
Defective ashbins	716
Offensive accumulations	—
Miscellaneous	—

FACORIES—

Unsuitable or defective sanitary accommodation	1
Other nuisances	3

FOOD PREMISES—

Cleansing and limewashing	11
Structural defects	1
Removal of refuse	—
Provision of Sinks and Wash Basins	17
Miscellaneous	29

Total	1214
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Complaints received and investigated	232
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TENTS, VANS, SHEDS, CAMPING SITES, ETC.

The number of moveable dwellings in occupation at the end of the year was 19. Regular inspections were made to ensure compliance with Bye-laws made by the Council in 1928.

No licences under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, have been issued by the Local Authority

During the year, however, much annoyance has been caused by caravan dwellers on the County Council Propps Hall Drive School Site and in the private yard adjoining. A serious nuisance arose due to the defective sanitary arrangements and the removal of the water supply.

Notices to quit were served on the caravan dwellers but at the end of the year they still refused to move and it was obvious that more drastic action would have to be taken.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

Twenty-six smoke observations were taken during the year. No legal action was taken, but it was found necessary on a number of occasions to inspect the boiler plants at factories in an endeavour to reduce the output of smoke.

A joint scheme for the investigation of atmospheric pollution has been formed by twenty-eight Local Authorities and apparatus has been installed at 56 sites throughout the area of the participating authorities. A lead peroxide gauge is installed at the Council's yard in Sisson Street.

DISINFESTATION.

128 houses infested with cockroaches were treated by the Council with insecticides containing D.D.T. The results obtained were very satisfactory. Re-inspections were made to check re-infestation and tenants were advised on precautions to be taken.

RODENT CONTROL.

One trained Rodent Operator is employed part time on this work. Regular surveys were made and all complaints given prompt attention. All sewers in the district received two treatments in accordance with the methods approved by the responsible Ministry, and routine inspections and treatments were made at other Council properties.

The South East Lancashire advisory committee meets twice yearly under the auspices of the Divisional Rodent Officer, joint action is planned between representatives when necessary.

The following table shows the number of inspections and treatments carried out during the period under review :—

	<i>Type of Property</i>		
	<i>Non-Agricultural</i>		
	<i>Dwelling Houses</i>	<i>All Other</i>	<i>Agricultural</i>
(a) No. of properties in district.	6719	513	22
(b) No. of properties inspected.	410	422	22
(c) Total inspections carried out (including re-inspections).	732	489	26
(d) No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested.			
Rats—Major	—	—	—
Minor	85	6	2
Mice — Major	—	—	—
Minor	38	7	—
(e) No. of infested properties treated.	133	13	2
(f) Total treatments carried out (including re-treatments).	156	21	4
(g) No. of "Block" control schemes carried out.	1	—	—

SCHOOLS.

There are nine schools in the district:—

- County Modern Secondary School for Boys (Partington Street).
- County Modern Secondary School for Girls (Ashton Road East).
- Mather Street County School (Junior Mixed and Infants).
- Stansfield Road County School (Junior Mixed and Infants).
- St. John's Church of England School (Junior Mixed and Infants)
- Holy Trinity Church of England School
(Junior Mixed and Infants).
- St. Mary's Roman Catholic School
(Senior and Junior Mixed and Infants)
- Woodhouses Church of England School
(Junior Mixed and Infants)
- Woodhouses British School Undenominational
(Junior Mixed and Infants).

The schools are supplied with town's water, seven are provided with closets on the water carriage system. In the case of St. John's Church of England School, these are obsolete trough closets which should be abolished at the first opportunity. Alterations to the school are being considered and no doubt priority will be given to the sanitary accommodation.

The Schools at Woodhouses have pail closets which should be converted to fresh water closets when the sewer is provided. The playgrounds of these two schools require properly paving.

HOUSING.

Number of Houses Erected During the Year :—

(i) By the Local Authority	20
(ii) By other Local Authorities	—
(iii) By other bodies or persons	84

1. *Inspection of Dwellinghouses During the Year :—*

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	437
(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	1102
2. Dwelling-houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit :—	
(a) Number found during year	46
(b) Number (or estimated number) at end of year ...	312
3. Number of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	227

2. *Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1957).*

(a) Number of dwelling houses included in confirmed Clearance Areas	43
(b) Number of dwelling houses demolished during the year:—	
(i) Unfit houses	Nil
(ii) Other houses	Nil
(c) Number of persons displaced	17

3. *Houses not included in Clearance Areas:—*

1. Houses demolished or closed during year :—

(a) Housing Act, 1957.

(i) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Section 17(1) ...	5
Persons Displaced	6
(ii) Closed under Sections 16(4), 17(1), 35(1)	1
Persons Displaced	4
(iii) Parts of Building closed (Section 18) ...	Nil
Persons Displaced	Nil
(iv) Closed as a result of Closing Orders under Sections 17(3) and 26	Nil
Persons Displaced	Nil

2.	Repairs during the year :—	
(a)	Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts	126
(b)	Public Health Acts—action after service of formal notice—Houses in which defects were remedied :—	
(i)	By owners	3
(ii)	By local authority in default of owners ...	Nil
(c)	Housing Act, 1957 action after service of formal notice (Section 9 and 16) Houses made fit :—	
(i)	By owner	4
(ii)	By local authority in default of owner ...	1
(d)	Housing Act, 1957 :— Houses reconstructed, enlarged or improved and Demolition Orders revoked (Section 24)	Nil
4.	<i>Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957).</i>	
1.	Number of houses at end of year retained for temporary accommodation	Nil
2.	Number of separate dwellings contained in (1) above	Nil
3.	Number of houses at end of year licensed for temporary occupation	Nil
5.	<i>Housing Act, 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958. Improvement Grants, etc. :—</i>	
	<i>Action during year :</i>	
(a)	Submitted by private individuals to local authority—Number of schemes	22
	Number of dwelling-houses or other buildings affected	22
(b)	Approved by local authority—Number of schemes	21
	Number of dwelling houses or other buildings affected	21
(c)	Submitted by local authority to Ministry	Nil
	Number of dwelling-houses or other buildings affected	Nil
(d)	Finally approved by Ministry	Nil
	Number of dwelling-houses or other buildings affected	Nil
(e)	Work completed	21
	Number of dwelling-houses or other buildings affected	21
(f)	Additional separate dwellings included in (e) above :—	
(i)	Private bodies or individuals	Nil
(ii)	Local authority	Nil

6. *Rent Act 1957—Certificates of Disrepair :—*

(a) No. of applications for certificates	27
(b) No. of decisions not to issue certificates	Nil
(c) No. of decisions to issue certificates	
(1) in respect of some but not all defects	5
(2) in respect of all defects	22
(d) No. of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	17
(e) No. of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	Nil
(f) No. of certificates issued	4
(g) Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	2
(h) Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	Nil
(i) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants' objection	Nil
(j) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	3

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY.

There were nine dairy farms in the district at the end of the year.

Producers licences are now granted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, but periodic inspections of the farms are made with regard to cleanliness and conditions were found to be satisfactory.

The Milk (Special Designation) (Specified Areas) (No. 3) Order, 1953, came into force on 1st January, 1954, consequently the use of a Special Designation is compulsory with regard to all milk sold by retail in the District.

A very high percentage of the milk retailed in this district is pasteurised milk from the United Co-operative Dairies, Broadway, Failsworth.

The Lancashire County Council is responsible for the licensing of pasteurising plants, but as there is complete co-operation between the County Sanitary Officers and your Public Health Inspectors, we have ample opportunity for inspecting and supervising the premises.

Particulars of registrations made and licences granted under the Milk and Dairies Acts and Regulations are as follows:—

The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949:—

No. of registered distributors operating from :—

(a) Dairies in district	2
(b) Shops in the district other than dairies ...	64
(c) Premises outside the district	4

The Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949-54.

No. of dealers licences (including supplementary licences) issued by the Local Authority during 1958 in respect of :—

(a) Tuberculin Tested Milk	11
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The Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949-53.

No. of dealers licences (including supplementary licences) issued by the Local Authority during 1958 in respect of:—

(a) Pasteurised Milk	24
(b) Sterilised Milk	69

(b) Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 16, and the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1947:—

(i) ICE CREAM.

No. of premises registered to sell Ice Cream 53

No. of Inspections 65

(ii) SAUSAGES AND PRESERVED FOODS.

No. of premises registered for the preparation of sausages, etc. 15

No. of Inspections 45

The premises and storage accommodation were found to be maintained in a satisfactory condition.

(c) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

No. of food premises in the district at the end of 1958 :—

Grocers	65
Greengrocers	27
Butchers	24
Fish Friers	19
Confectioners	19
Sweets	21
Licensed Premises, Clubs, Canteens and Cafés	61
Orange-drink, mixing and bottling	1

Bye-Laws for securing the observance of Sanitary and Cleanly Conditions and practices in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of food and sale of food in the open air, came into operation on the 17th July, 1950, and the provisions are generally well observed.

There are now only two licensed slaughterhouses in the district and most of the slaughtering for the district continues to be done at the abattoirs in Manchester and Oldham.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned within the District.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	10	43	5	574	41
Number inspected	10	43	5	574	41
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis:—</i>					
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	8
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	9	—	23	13
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	20	20.93	—	4	51.2
<i>Tuberculosis only:—</i>					
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	5	—	—	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	10	11.65	—	—	—

Butchers shops were regularly inspected. Premises and equipment were generally maintained at a high standard of cleanliness and the provisions of the Public Health (Meat) Regulations well observed.

The following table gives the quantity of meat and other foods seized or surrendered during the year, upon being found unfit for human consumption:—

<i>Description of Food.</i>	<i>Weight Condemned.</i>			
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>Qrs.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>
Tinned Meat	—	—	3	1
Tinned Fish	—	—	—	8
Tinned Vegetables	—	—	2	—
Tinned Fruit	—	2	2	1
Tinned Milk	—	—	—	6
Tinned Chicken	—	—	4	1
Boneless Ham	—	1	4	0
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	13
Meat and Offal	—	12	4	0
Total ...	1	0	0	2

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 11 in the district at the present time. All were frequently inspected, and were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

The Lancashire County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority, and the undernoted particulars of the sampling carried out under the provision of the above Act in Failsworth during the year 1958, were supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health.

A total of 100 samples were obtained, consisting of 66 samples of milk (2 of which were of Channel Island milk) and 34 others comprising :—

1 Orange drink.	1 Fish paste.
1 Cheese spread.	2 Flour confectionery.
1 Curry powder.	1 White pepper.
1 Coffee.	1 Teething powder.
2 Epsom salts.	1 Salt.
1 Seidlitz powder.	1 Custard powder.
2 Ice-cream.	1 Health salts.
2 Fruit—fresh.	1 Pickles.
5 Fruit—dried.	2 Gravy browning.
2 Glycerin.	1 Fruit—canned.
2 Ground almonds.	1 British wine.
1 Barley.	

The samples were submitted for analysis to the County Analyst, and, with the exception of these detailed below, were reported to be genuine :—

<i>Type.</i>	<i>Result of Analysis</i>	<i>Action Taken</i>
Milk	Freezing point indicated the presence of 1.8% extraneous water.	Vendor cautioned and further samples taken.
Fish paste	Fish content only 62.0% Deficient 11.4% of the minimum percentage of fish.	Manufacturer cautioned and further samples obtained.
Fruit salad (canned)	Ingredients listed in the wrong order.	No action taken.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The only offensive trade in the district is a tripe boiling premises which has been in existence for a considerable time. These premises were reopened in November, 1958 after being closed since July, 1957.

RAG FLOCK ACTS, 1911 to 1951.

There are no premises in the District at which rag flock is manufactured, used, or sold.

SWIMMING BATHS.

There are no swimming baths in the District. Failsworth residents use the baths in the adjoining districts of Manchester, Oldham and Chadderton.

Administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

1. Inspections, for the purposes of provisions as to health

PREMISES	Number of			
	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecution
Factories with Mechanical Power	85	75	—	—
Factories without Mechanical Power ...	12	12	—	—
Other Premises under the Act	5	5	—	—
<i>(including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworker's premises)</i>				
Total.....	102	92	—	—

2. Defects found.

PARTICULARS	Number of Defects			Number of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	Referr'd by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	1	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	1	1	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—				
Insufficient	—	—	—	—
Unsuitable or defective	1	1	—	—
Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act	—	—	—	—
<i>(Not including offences relating to Outwork)</i>				
Total.....	4	4	1	—

Number of Returns in Outworkers' Section—Nil.

BYE-LAWS AND ADOPTIVE ACTS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT.

BYE-LAWS.	<i>Came into force.</i>
Prevention of Nuisanees and Keeping of Animals.....	13th March, 1900
Hackney Carriages.....	26th March, 1900
Cemetery Regulations and Charges (with amendments 1941 and 1949).....	March, 1928
Tents, Vans and Sheds and similar structures.....	12th October, 1928
Smoke Abatement—Emission of Black Smoke.....	14th March, 1929
Parks and Pleasure Grounds.....	4th February, 1948
Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air.....	17th July, 1950
Laneashire County Council—Good Rule and Government and Prevention of Nuisanees.....	1st May, 1954
Building Bye-laws.....	29th June, 1954
Private Slaughterhouses—Sanitary Conditions and Management.....	1st October, 1956
Prohibiting the putting of Litter into Streams.....	1st March, 1956
The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890:—	
Part III.....	1st June, 1896
Part IV.....	1st August, 1912
The Public Libraries Acts, 1892 and 1901.....	1st December, 1903
The Private Street Works Act, 1892.....	1st April, 1907
The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907:—	
Section 86.. ..	31st December, 1912
Section 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 (Part II).....	21st March, 1913
* Section 30 is subject to certain conditions and adaptations.	
Section 95 (Part X).....	21st March, 1913
Section 76 and 77 comprised in Part VI.....	18th July, 1922
Section 19.....	1944
The Public Health Act, 1925:—	
Part II except Sections 21 and 22.....	1st June, 1926
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899-1923.....	2nd April, 1947
Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932 (Extension to Failsworth of Section 1).....	1949
Laneashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951.....	27th March, 1952
Clean Air Act, 1956—Section 24 Appliances in New Buildings	1st September, 1958

